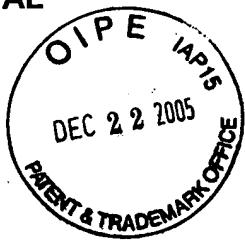


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**REQUEST FOR  
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
  - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  **DO NOT ENTER** the amendment(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. An alternate submission is attached.
- c.  Enclosed submission:
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees

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- a.  The filing fee is calculated as follows:
 

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iii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ enclosed.
- c.  The Commissioner is authorized to charge the filing fee of \$790.00, the extension of time fee of \$1,020.00, and any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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